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8 9	BEFORE THE BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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11	In the Matter of the Statement of Issues Against: Case No. 2011- 981
12	KRISTI GREENE HUGHES
13	749 Orange Ave. Lindsay,CA 93247 STATEMENT OF ISSUES
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15	Respondent.
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17	Complainant alleges:
18	<u>PARTIES</u>
19	1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN ("Complainant") brings this Statement of Issues solely
20	in her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing ("Board"),
21	Department of Consumer Affairs.
22	Application Information
23	2. On or about November 22, 2010, the Board Department of Consumer Affairs
24	received an Application for Licensure by Endorsement from Kristi Greene Hughes
25	("Respondent"). On or about November 12, 2010, Kristi Greene Hughes certified under penalty
26	of perjury to the truthfulness of all statements, answers, and representations in the application.
27	The Board denied the application on February 18, 2011.
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STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 3. Section 2736 of the Business and Professions Code ("Code") provides, in pertinent part, that the Board of Registered Nursing (Board) may deny a license when it finds that the applicant has committed any acts constituting grounds for denial of licensure under section 480 of that Code.
 - 4. Code section 480 states, in pertinent part:
 - (a) A board may deny a license regulated by this Code on the grounds that the applicant has one of the following:
 - (3)(A) Done any act that if done by a licentiate of the business or profession in question would be grounds for suspension or revocation of a license.
 - 5. Code section 2761 states, in pertinent part:

The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for any of the following:

- (a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- (4) Denial of licensure, revocation, suspension, restriction, or any other disciplinary action against a health care professional license or certificate by another state or territory of the United States, by any other government agency, or by another California health care professional licensing board. A certified copy of the decision or judgment shall be conclusive evidence of that action.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF LICENSE

(Out-of-State Discipline)

6. Respondent's application is subject to denial pursuant to Code section 2761, subdivision (a)(4), in that pursuant to the North Carolina Board of Nursing Consent to Surrender License/Privilege to Practice and the that Board's Acceptance of Voluntary Surrender, Respondent voluntarily surrendered her North Caroline Registered Nurse Certificate No. 219666 due to her mental health issues at the time of the surrender. The basis for surrender of her license is that from in or about February 2008, to approximately April 2009, Respondent was admitted to the hospital on several occasions for mental health issues. Respondent was prescribed a variety of medications, which resulted in problems at work including her inability to concentrate, fatigue, and high absenteeism.

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SECOND CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF LICENSE

(Acts Which if Done by a Licentiate Would Constitute Cause for Discipline)

7. Respondent's application is subject to denial pursuant to Code section 480, subdivision (a)(3)(A), in that Respondent committed acts, as set forth in paragraph 6, above, which if done by a licentiate of the profession would constitute cause for suspension or revocation of a license pursuant to Code section 2761, subdivision (a)(4), and section 2762, subdivision (b).

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision:

- 1. Denying the application of Kristi Greene Hughes for a Registered Nurse License; and,
 - 2. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: <u>06-/3-2011</u>

LOUISE R. BAILEY, M.ED., RN

Executive Officer

Board of Registered Nursing

Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California Complainant